CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation;

Dt.20:19 When thou besiegeth a city for a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof, by wielding an ax against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down, to employ them in the siege.

INTRO. In wartime the Jews forbidden to cut down fruit trees. This law governing the Jews in wartime, teaches us certain lessons that we may all well learn.

I. Spare the fruit trees. All is not fair in war.
Even during war, when fiercest passions are ablaze there are laws that must be respected.
Self-control, at such a time necessary. In time of war men are in danger of becoming mad altogether, doing all kinds of things they would not ordinarily.

In business men laso often forget themselves, doing things they would ordinarily be ashamed of. The pressure of circumstances does not justify any man doing that which is not right or just.

II. Spare the fruit trees. Victory may be bot at too great a price.
Fruit trees to the Jews a source of supplies.
A man's success may be his failure.
When bot in disobedience of divine law.
When gotten thru injustices and injuries to others.
You may get your own way in life, but what if you have to burn an orchard in doing so?
What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

III. Spare the fruit trees. Judge all things by their highest usefulness, not by their temporary advantages.
Things are not to be judged by their meanest but by their highest possibilities.
The artist at Atlantic City, painting on the sand.
What are we doing with ourselves and our talents? Are we living just forthe convenience of the moment, or along the line of our highest capabilities?

IV. Spare the fruit trees: then man has it in his power to destroy, but he has not the right to do so.

You can do as you please, you can cut down the fruit trees, you have the power to do so. You have the power to do mischief, to do wrong things to break laws, etc. but you have no right to do so, nor can you do so without suffering consequences or causing others to suffer the consequences of your wrong acts.

Not to do something may represent a greater and a higher power than the doing of it. To refrain from doing wrong often takes more courage than to do it. Not to retaliate, not to get even, not to revenge a wrong act, often the height of moral courage and endurance.

We are beginning to discover God's Law governing all conduct, from personal to international. Spare the fruit-bearing trees, spare the lives of God's children of earth; do nothing against their safety liberty, health, prosperity and happiness.